

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 32, 35, 41, 44-48 are pending in this application. Claims 32, 35, 41 and 45-47 were indicated as allowable. Claims 1, 32, 35 and 41 are independent. Claims 35, 41, 46 and 47 are amended.

II. OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION

Claims 35, 41, 46 and 47 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the objections to Specification.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 44 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. In response to the rejections, Applicants submit that the specification, as originally filed, describes structures for performing the recited “means for” functions of claims 1 and 3 in paragraphs [0075], [0055], [0019] and [0063] of Applicants’ corresponding published application, which are reproduced as follow:

[0075] A method for displaying more than one cursor is not limited to the method as described above. The user terminal 1 displays more than one cursor operated by the users and the web page, and further displays a linked web page

based on the operation of the plural cursors, in which an input processing for processing input operation of the plural cursors and display control processing for controlling the display of the plural cursors superposed on the web page are executed by the CPU 12.

[0055] Accordingly suppose the user U1 moves the cursor Cur-1 to the link part b and clicks, the user U2 moves the cursor Cur-2 to the link part b and clicks and the user U3 moves the cursor Cur-3 to the link part d when the web page A is displayed in the user terminal 1 as shown in FIG. 4A. Then the user terminal 1 selects the link part b appointed by the maximum number of cursors and requests the web page B corresponding to the link part b to the WWW server 3 that has data for the web page B. As shown in FIG. 4B, the web page B transmitted from the WWW server 3 is then displayed. Accordingly in this case the request of the user U1 and the user U2 are accepted.

[0019] The method for controlling display of information of the present invention, the method comprises the steps of: a cursor information acquiring step for acquiring, from each of plural terminal devices, stored contents of a first memory means storing more than one cursor operated at each of the terminal devices; ... and an acquisition control step for having each of the terminal devices acquire the information selected by the selecting means.

[0065] In addition, in the embodiment of FIG. 5, the light receiving part 21 can accept the operation signal from more than one remote controller 22, and the plural cursors can be controlled by operating each remote controller 22 independently...

Thus, in Applicants' corresponding published application, in paragraph [0075]

"the user terminal 1 displays more than one cursor operated by the users and the web page, and further displays a linked web page based on the operation of the plural cursors" describes the structure "**the user terminal**" for performing "display control means for" functions of claim 1; in paragraph [0055] "the user terminal 1 selects the link part b appointed by the maximum number of cursors" describes the structure "**the user terminal**" for performing "selecting means for" functions of claim 1; in paragraph [0019] "an acquisition control step for having each of the terminal devices acquire the information selected by the selecting means" describes the structure "**the terminal device**" for performing "acquisition means for" functions of claim 1; and in paragraph [0065] "the light receiving part 21 can accept the operation signal from more than

one remote controller 22" describes the structure "**the remote controller**" for performing "operation means for" functions of claim 3.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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